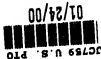


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Priority Claim (35 U.S.C. 119) is made, based upon:

Country	Appl. No.	Filing Date	Country	Appl. No.	Filing Date
1) Japan	7-130134	May 29, 1995	9) Japan	7-252768	September 29, 1995
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4) Japan	7-244109	September 22, 1995	12) Japan	7-320630	December 8, 1995
5) Japan	7-244111	September 25, 1995	13) Japan	7-332955	December 21, 1995
6) Japan	7-247897	September 26, 1995	14) Japan	8-87848	April 10, 1996
7) Japan	7-249482	September 27, 1995	15) Japan	206420/1996	November 8, 1996
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Enclosed herewith are:

- ☒ Specification (Description, Claims, Abstract): Pages 1 - 212; Number of claims 1 - 57
- ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney
- ☒ TO BE POST-FILED: SIGNED DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f) UNEXECUTED DECLARATION ENCLOSED FOR INFORMATION PURPOSES ONLY
- ☒ 77 Sheets of drawings, Figures 1(a) to 88 ☒ Formal ☐ Informal
- ☐ Assignment and Form PTO-1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Check for \$40.00
- ☐ Certified copy (ies) of priority document(s) identified above
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement including Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Verified Statement(s) Claiming Small Entity Status
- ☒ Receipt Postcard

	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
Total Claims	<u>70</u>	<u>-20</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>50</u>
			x \$18.00	= \$ <u>900.00</u>
Independent Claims	<u>8</u>	<u>-3</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>5</u>
			x \$78.00	= \$ <u>390.00</u>
			+ \$260.00	= \$ <u>260</u>
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS				
			BASIC FEE	\$ <u>690.00</u>
			Total of above Calculations	\$ <u>2,240.00</u>

To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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